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Applicant: Naoyuki Sato et al
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Filed: October 19, 2000
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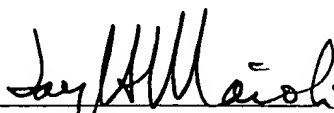
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- ☐ Independent claims in excess of ☐ previously paid for, at \$78 (\$39) ☐
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- ☐ This Response is being filed within the ☐ first month, ☐ second month, ☐ third month, ☐ fourth month, ☐ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of ☐ \$110 (\$55), ☐ \$380 (\$190), ☐ \$870 (\$435), ☐ \$1,360 (\$680), ☐ \$1,850 (\$925) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ ☐ set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ ☐ is attached.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicants respectfully request that the application
be amended as follows.